



2010 Branching Out Team

#### Participating organizations include:

- Adams National Historical Park
- Boston African American National Historic Site
- Boston College
- Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area
- Boston National Historical Park
- Boston Parks and Recreation
- Boston Youth Environmental Network
- Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site
- Goodell Tree Service
- Groundwork USA/Groundwork Somerville
- Hartney Greymont Inc.
- Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site
- Longfellow National Historic Site
- Massachusetts Arborists Association
- Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Minute Man National Historical Park
- National Park Service, Northeast Regional Office Youth Programs Division
- Heritage Preservation, Planning and Compliance
- Salem Maritime National Historic Site
- Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site
- Shelter Tree Company
- Student Conservation Association
- Wind River Tree Care



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## Branching Out: An Exploration in Landscape Management for Boston Youth



*I enjoy climbing and working with trees and nature. It's the first time I discovered work I actually enjoy doing. I feel I could continue this as a career.*

Cal Bernhard, Branching Out Participant

*Branching Out provides youth with an overview of landscape management practices through educational workshops and hands-on field experiences. As participants progress through the program, they gain knowledge and field applicable skills. The program offers summer work options and a variety of learning experiences during the school year. Throughout the course of the program, participants explore opportunities for education and career placement.*

**The goals of *Branching Out* are to:**

- Offer youth a sequenced curriculum in the field of landscape management
- Foster opportunities for participants to pursue employment and educational pathways in the field of landscape management
- Provide facilities maintenance and resource management support to National Parks
- Expose participants to the National Park Service and associated sites
- Forge connections between youth and their community landscapes

**Audience:** Youth ages 15 - 25



**Branching Out participants learning and teaching landscape management practices.**

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**The program includes:**

**Skill Building Field Team**

The Field Team is comprised of youth with entry level knowledge and abilities. This experience introduces young people to fundamental aspects of landscape management. Returning youth also participate in the field team to expand and strengthen their knowledge and skills through their involvement in more complex assignments and assisting with program teaching and leadership roles.

- This is an eight week, paid experience in which young people work alongside maintenance staff at National Parks.
- Youth receive specialized training in the principles and practices of horticulture and grounds maintenance.
- Participants are introduced to employment and higher education opportunities.

**Park-based Internships**

The Internship experience offers young people an opportunity to gain advanced and specialized field experience and training.

- This paid experience matches interests of the individual youth with specific park resource management needs.
- Interns become an integrated member of a National Park and work with staff to learn about and accomplish park-based assignments and projects.
- Interns receive assistance for transitioning into higher education or employment opportunities.



*While working with the rose bushes (pruning) I was wondering why. But now, I look at them and think "They bloomed so beautifully."*

Roman Monteiro,  
2008 - 2010 Participant

Roman Monteiro working alongside Adams National Historical Park Gardener, Robert Mackenzie.